



VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



With the 2021 school year now complete, we can look back with satisfaction and pride in what we as a Vanguard family have achieved. This achievement, in spite of the enormous disruptions this year, remains in line with the historically high achievement levels of previous years. Thank you, the recruits, the parents and

caregivers, and the staff, for the amazing effort this year managing to teach and learn online with all its handicaps and disruptions. A big thank you must go to the board of Vanguard Military School for their forward thinking for 2021 and the support given to ensure that the school was able to perform at the level that it did.

The 2021 academic results have again been unbelievable. Vanguard has again proved itself to be one of the country's premier schools and, as has been said before, this can be directly attributed to the hard work put in by the staff, the recruits and the parents/caregivers. This year has again not been easy, but definitely worthwhile.

Congratulations to all the recruits who achieved awards this year at the staggered

farewell ceremonies. It was with much disappointment that we were unable to run the usual end of year graduation ceremony, where the parents/caregivers and their families could share in and experience.

It is with a sad heart that I have to farewell staff moving on to new pastures. But this bitter pill is sweetened by all those wonderful memories they have left behind with us. They will always be part of the Vanguard family, just like all of our former staff, recruits and their parents. I wish them everything they wish themselves and more.

I do believe that once you have been part of the Vanguard family and built those relationships with our other family members, you could never fully withdraw yourself.

So, all the best to **Staff Hedley, Staff Taikato and Staff Cloete**. We will miss you, but we look forward to you maintaining your relationship with us and our school.

To the Vanguard staff, thank you for your dedication, tireless work ethic, and that never-giving-up approach to teaching our recruits. A more dedicated and focused group of educational professionals would be difficult to assemble anywhere. We are not only proud of you, but also indebted to you. **Thank you, Vanguard Staff, from the school board, school management, recruits and parents.**

To the Vanguard recruits - the young men and women who listened to the rhetoric and were influenced to the degree where they were prepared to attend Vanguard Military School with a vision of being successful. At first you listened and learned and did everything asked of you because that was what you had chosen to do. However, now that you have learned all the lessons and gained the knowledge, you are doing it because you want to do it. You now know that Vanguard is not just another school to attend, but rather a school of your own choosing. A school where, in most cases, you are prepared to get up long before first light, catch multiple modes of transport to get to school, work hard all day to make yourself successful in life, because you now know it's all worth it.

Well done Vanguard recruits, we are all very proud of you.

To the parents/caregivers of our recruits, who have again this year carried their share of the responsibility and more. Vanguard could never promise a silver bullet or a quick fix to gaining an education, only that with hard work and our unique systems, could success be guaranteed as the final outcome. To have parents/caregivers who were prepared to become part of their children's educational team and then support this team tirelessly all year, has been truly remarkable from the school's point of view. There is no doubt in anyone's mind as to the enormous part played by our parents/caregivers in the success of our recruits achieving to the degree that they have this year.

A big thank you from the Vanguard staff and recruits for tirelessly supporting the team, by contributing and fulfilling your role as part of your child's educational team and for the school always knowing that we can count on you when needed.

I would like to wish all those recruits who have graduated this year and are leaving us, all the best for the future and I hope that you can take what you have learned here at Vanguard with you to help you maintain control of your own destiny and guide you positively in the future.

To those recruits coming back next year, I wish you all a safe and awesome summer break and look forward to you continuing your educational development with us next year.

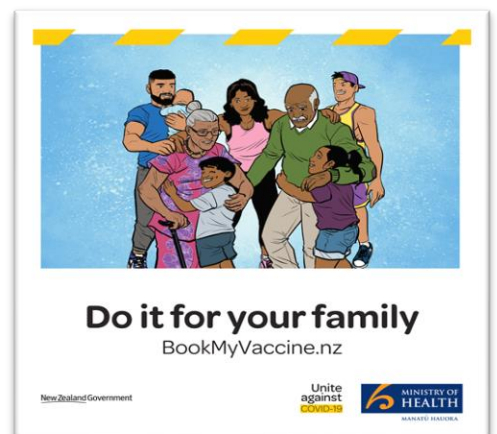
A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all who have been involved with Vanguard Military School in 2021.

FROM THE ADMIN DESK

ABSENCES

A reminder for Term 1 that a parent/caregiver must call in an absence before 0830 to avoid recruits receiving a CT for Non-Contact. A recruit is more than welcome to also call in their absence in the first instance but a parent/caregiver must verify this by call or email by the allocated time.

If the school has to contact a parent/caregiver to investigate an absence, the recruit will also be issued a CT. A timely reminder also that all medical appointments where a recruit will be late to school or must leave early require approval from their Deputy Principal prior to the day they require leave.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

24 th Jan	Induction Starts for all New Recruits
31 st Jan	Auckland Anniversary
3 rd Feb	Returning recruits start
7 th Feb	Waitangi Day Observed
10 th March	Terminator Challenge
11 th March	Teacher Only Day
14 th April	Last Day of Term 1
15 th April	Good Friday
18 th April	Easter Monday

FAREWELL TO OUR 2021 LEAVERS

Sadly, with our lockdown and COVID restrictions, we were unable to hold our annual much anticipated **end of year Graduation Ceremony** especially for our 2021 Year 12/13 Leavers.

We decided to hold an internal farewell in years levels socially distanced under COVID regulations so that we could at the very least present our special awards

and acknowledge the hard work and dedication that our students and staff have put in this year. It has been trying but rewarding in ways that are new to us all.

With great pleasure, the **PRIDE OF VANGUARD** for 2021 is.....

HAYDN ROBINSON!



Haydn also claimed the **EL ALAMEIN PLATE**, the Level 3 Maths Cup, the Level 3 Biology award and the Level 3 PE Cup! What a star and all-round fantastic guy!



The **RSA Bayonet** for outstanding Level 2 recruit went to.....

JACKSON SMITH



The **NATHAN KRAATSKOUW Award** for the Level 1 recruit of the year went to

MAIA BERRYMAN



The GALLIPOLI SHIELD for the Section of the Year went to.....

HINTON

300 CLUB

This term we held our final 300 Club event under COVID restrictions outdoors via Facebook Live when we returned to on site learning. Of the 5 recruits who did a great job of training and preparing for this, only one made it through to the end.

Congratulations to **HAYDN ROBINSON!**



REMINDERS

Please remember when travelling to school that **MASKS on public transport** is mandatory. Safety is paramount while NZ still fights the COVID battle so please

remember your hand hygiene at all times and keep socially distanced from each other where possible. This helps our school and the wider community.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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